

## SENATE RESOLUTION 87

By Tate

A RESOLUTION to commend Brandon Allen McArthur for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Allen McArthur is one such estimable individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Reginald Tate; Brandon's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff members he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Crockett County, Tennessee, Brandon was born on May 4, 1985, to Betty Ann McArthur and Leston Andrew McArthur and is the devoted brother of Sherry, Lisa, Tammy, and Leston Andrew McArthur, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, a 2003 graduate of Crockett County High School, Brandon studied at Jackson State Community College (JSCC), where he was a member of the Jackson-Madison County Anti-Drug Coalition, the President's Council, the Spanish Club, and Phi Theta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, he quickly developed an interest in public service, performing as the president of the JSCC Student Government Association from 2010-2011 and a senator of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature from 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, possessing the strength of character to overcome any challenge in his path, this hardworking and determined young man worked his way through school, holding positions in the JSCC's Financial Aid, Student Services, and Registration offices; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating *cum laude* with an Associate of Arts degree, Brandon transferred to the University of Memphis, where he is currently enrolled and has further demonstrated academic excellence by making the Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the complexities and characteristics of Tennessee state government and to further his extensive studies, Brandon McArthur brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 Regular Session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to excellence in every endeavor and a genuine interest in and appreciation for lawmaking, Brandon has worked assiduously during this session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Brandon McArthur epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Brandon McArthur has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and thank Brandon Allen McArthur for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Reginald Tate and for the example he sets as a proud Tennessee native, a hardworking student with great academic strength, and a model citizen, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.